

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 162

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to recognize Connie Hardin for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Connie Hardin is one such estimable person who has provided thoughtful and exemplary service to the citizens of Tennessee throughout her long career of public service, and she will be taking a much deserved retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Austin Peay State University Ms. Hardin received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education, and she also holds a Tennessee Government Executive Institute Certificate from the University of Tennessee and is a Certified Government Financial Manager; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hardin began her career in 1979, as a Program Evaluator for the Joint Finance, Ways and Means Committee of the State Legislature; in 1983, she began working with the Budget Division for the State of Tennessee, for which she served as Budget Analyst, Budget Coordinator, and Assistant Budget Director; and

WHEREAS, from 1992 through 1995, Connie Hardin served as Budget Director of the State of Tennessee, in which position she was responsible for the development, preparation, and execution of the annual budget for the State of Tennessee; during her tenure, Tennessee received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and the 1994 Award for Excellence in Budgeting and Financial Planning; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hardin went on to serve as Associate Executive Director for Fiscal Affairs for the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, and since 1997, she has served with distinction as the Director of the Office of Legislative Budget Analysis; and

WHEREAS, Connie Hardin has presented her work to such respected organizations as the National Associations of Municipal Analysts, the American Association for Adult and Continuing Education, the Southwestern Federation of Administrative Disciplines, and the Southeastern Association of Government Accountants, and she has also had her work published in the *Government Finance Review*; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hardin is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Executive Committee of the National Conference State Legislatures; the National Association of Legislative Fiscal Officers, for which she served as President; the National Association of State Budget Officers; Tennessee National Guard Auxiliary Board of Directors; Commissioner Representative, Board of Directors, Tennessee Student assistance Corporation, and the Tennessee Housing Development Agency; the Room-in-the-Inn Homeless Program, for which she has been a volunteer; and many other associations too numerous to list; and

WHEREAS, those who know Ms. Hardin best describe her as a person of integrity, compassion, and friendship in the workplace, and as the most important factor in the success of the Office of Legislative Budget Analysis; and

WHEREAS, Connie Hardin exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Connie Hardin has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Connie Hardin for her many valuable contributions to the State of Tennessee as a devoted public servant and extend to her heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.